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Welcome to the June 2008 edition of the Radio HF Internet Newsletter. As I wrap up editing this edition we here in Montreal are in the midst of our first heat wave of 2008. It's nice to be cool in the air conditioning. In the event that next month's Newsletter doesn't get to our Canadian and U.S. subscribers in time, I wish a Happy Canada Day to Canadians on July 1 and Happy 4th of July to our American friends.

The 2008 Baillie Birdathon is in the books. Unfortunately, we fell short of our goal to see 100 species in a day. We completed the Birdathon on Friday, May 16th, with 87 species, down from 96 last year. However we did have some excellent, unexpected species, plus 87 is our second highest one-day total in 6 years of participating in the event. Our total amount of pledges collected this year is over $2000. Each of you who pledged will be receiving a complete report on the Birdathon within a couple of weeks.

I would like to thank the following Radio HF Internet Newsletter subscribers who graciously supported the cause this year. They are: David Balint, Claude Beaupré, Craig Brander, Cynthia Canavan, Dr. Harold Cones, Michael Cuggy, Alfred Dathé, Jean-Maurice Deveault, John Fisher, Andrew Foot, Warren George Jr., Howard Gontovnick, John Grow, Edward Janusz, Brian Jeffrey, Janice & Steve Karlock, David Keely, Leo Lalonde, Jan Lindstrom, Kenneth Miller, Edward Muro, Robert Paknys, Brian Penney, Nigel Pimblett, Jean Sorel, Robert

Thomassin, Gary Thorburn, Wayne Hodgins, David Goren, Gilles Letourneau, Gerald Brookman, Skip Arey, John McColman, Gary Neal, Kevin Carey, Keith Woolrich, Daniel Gillet, Ronald Webb and Clem Beauregard.

In this month's Newsletter, the Monthly Special Zone features sites dealing with World Environment Day, National Safety Month, U.S. Flag Day, Father's Day, World Refugee Day and the Leap Second. Our Where in the World feature lands in the Indian Ocean as we visit the Comoros

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

No comments this month.

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

We're all the way down to just four contributors this month. The summer months are usually quieter so it's even more important for you to take a few moments and send along a link or two to be used in our upcoming editions. Our thanks this month go out to:

Kim Andrew Elliott, Arlington, Virginia
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Vernon Ikeda, Pierrefonds, Quebec
Bert New, Watkinsville, Georgia

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

http://www.unep.org/wed/2008/english/

World Environment Day, commemorated each year on 5 June, is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations stimulates worldwide awareness of the environment and enhances political attention and action.

NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

http://www.nsc.org/nsm/

Make a difference is the theme of National Safety Council's 2008 National Safety Month observance.
Throughout June 2008, National Safety Month activities will address the most significant reasons for unintentional injuries and deaths in the American workplace, on the road and in the home and community. We will offer tools and materials that can help you and your organization Make a Difference in both on and off the job safety.

U.S. FLAG DAY

http://www.usflag.org/history/flagday.html

This page features the history of Flag Day in the United States.

FATHER'S DAY ON THE NET

http://www.holidays.net/father/story.htm

Learn about the origin of Father's Day plus discover all sorts of related material about fathers on this web page.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/refugee/

For years, many countries and regions have been holding their own Refugee Days and even Weeks. One of the most widespread is Africa Refugee Day, which is celebrated on 20 June in several countries.

LEAP SECOND

http://tycho.usno.navy.mil/leapsec.html

Learn why an extra second is added to world time at the end of June 2008.

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THE JUNE ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia.
The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day.
Here is the link for the month of May.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/June

Also, here are some special days in June.

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

Effective Communications Month
International Men's Month
National Safety Month
Zoo and Aquarium Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

1-7 Sun Safety Week
8-14 National Flag Week
12-18 National Little League Baseball Week

SPECIAL DAYS

4 United Nations International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
5 United Nations World Environment Day
5 Child Health Day
6 D-Day Anniversary (1944)
14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day
20 United Nations World Refugee Day
20 World Refugee Day
21 Summer begins
30 Leap Second Adjustment Time

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

National Accordion Awareness Month
15-21 Hug Holiday
14 World Juggling Day

Sources:
Chase's Calendar of Events 2008
California Department of Education, 2008 Calendar of Events.
Earth Calendar
National Safety Council, 2008 Safety Observance Calendar
UN Special Observances and Days

VIA

http://espanol.ucanr.org/Calendario/June_2008.htm

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YAESU FT-950 160 to 6 METER TRANSCEIVER

The FT-950, the newest radio in the direct lineage of the FTDX-9000 and FT-2000 series radios, has been developed to fit the needs of both casual and serious DX enthusiasts as well as new HF licensees eagerly seeking to discover the magic of the HF and 50MHz bands. This radio comes in a appropriately sized desktop package that provides loads of easily located controls and features to enjoy all of the excitement available on the 160 through 6 meter Amateur Radio bands.

For complete details on the Yaesu FT-950, please visit the following page.

http://www.yaesu.com/indexVS.cfm?cmd=DisplayProducts&ProdCatID=102&encProdID=292E02F4E4D00EC99887A63E7B8ECD1B&DivisionID=65&isArchived=0

Yaesu products are available from Radio HF. Please call or e-mail for complete details.

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WHERE IN THE WORLD ZONE

This month, we head off to the Indian Ocean and land in a very unique country, The Comoros. Located in a strategic position at the northern end of the Mozambique Channel, the archipelago of the Comoro Islands arose from the seabed of the western Indian Ocean as the result of volcanic activity. The islands: Ngazidja (Grande Comore), Mwali (Moheli), Nzwani (Anjouan), and Maore (Mayotte) with their French names in parentheses, have distinct topographical characteristics due to their different ages. Maore, the oldest of the islands, is highly eroded with slow, meandering streams. Ngazidja, the youngest of the islands is dominated by a massive, active volcano. Volcanic experts are concerned that a very violent eruption may occur in the near future. The other two islands are mountainous but have no active volcanic activity. The Comoro Islands once played a major role in the world economy of the western Indian Ocean. For centuries, they were a major stopover along the mercantile routes of the Indian Ocean from Africa to the Orient.

The official languages of the union of the Comoros are French and Arabic. French is the language of government while Arabic is the language of Islam, the major religion in the republic. French is used as the official language on the island of Mayotte.

Here are some other sites which might be of interest to help you learn more about the Comoros.

C.I.A. WORLD FACT BOOK COMOROS

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/cn.html

COMOROS ON LINE

http://www.comores-online.com/accueilgb.htm

COMOROS NEWS

http://www.comorosnews.com/

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THE RADIO ZONE

THE RADIO KITCHEN

http://theradiokitchen.net

VIA Bert New, Watkinsville, Georgia

The inspiration for the blog comes from the sensation of sitting at night holding a portable radio with a dial full of pulsing distant signals. It's also about the content and controversy of those old broadcast bands, and how much it's stayed the same. The intent of The Radio Kitchen, and my sister blog, The Audio Kitchen, is to provide lots of rare lo-fi audio content to visitors and to share the joy and pain of letting these sounds into your life.

LIVE NEWS CAMERAS

http://www.livenewscameras.com/

VIA Kim Andrew Elliott, Arlington, Virginia

"LiveNewsCameras, currently in beta version, a site that attempts to collect, organize and feature a maximum of live video streams from news sites in the US and abroad. LiveNewsCameras.com brings together the resources of journalists around the world and makes live streaming video easy to find and use on your computer,' says the site in its 'About' section. The site's sources are mostly US-based so far, but it aims to gain international reach, already including feeds from broadcasters such as BBC World and Al Jazeera."

RADIO ROW

http://www.radiorow.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a listing of radio stations that are accessible through the Internet. They are categorized by station format. New stations are added on a regular basis.

TUBE RADIO LAND

http://www.tuberadioland.com/index.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This page is a virtual museum of vintage radios from the golden era.

REVERSE TIME PAGE

http://www.uv201.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Welcome to Mike Schultz's virtual hoard of early radios, vacuum tubes, electric clocks, and unusual technological debris of the past.

NOSTALGIA AIR

http://www.nostalgiaair.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Nostalgia Air is dedicated to the preservation, conservation and dissemination of antique and vintage electronics technical information. This is a personal, private venture with no commercial content. The site is maintained as a commercial free zone, save the sole references on this page to those that support the site.

PLASTIC DECO RADIOS FROM THE 1930'S & 1940'S

http://www.decoradios.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Welcome to the antique radio collection of Steve T. Davis.

BAMA-BOAT ANCHOR MANUAL ARCHIVE

http://bama.sbc.edu/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The manuals in this archive are available to all who enjoy working on and restoring old tube type amateur radio equipment and short wave receivers. This is a totally free cooperative service to the Boat

Anchor community. It is made possible by the generous folks who take the time and make the effort to scan and upload their manuals to the BAMA site.

MARITIME RADIO BY ROGER WENDELL

http://www.rogerwendell.com/maritime.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Mr. Wendell says "Since I now live 1,300 km from the nearest ocean I'm growing especially fond of anything maritime. So, this page is kind of drifting around a bit, so to speak, but will be updated with newer pix anytime I reach the coasts! As a Coast Guard Radioman I had the distinct pleasure of meeting and "working" many fine ops throughout the world of commercial marine communications. So, this page, along with my Coast Guard pages, are a kind of remembrance to it all.."

VOIPING THE OUTBACK

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/technology/7288595.stm

VIA Vernon Ikeda, Pierrefonds, Quebec

Communications in the remote Australian outback are getting a boost following the development of a system that links the internet to amateur radio technology.

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GALAXY RADIOS

Galaxy Radio offers a wide selection of mobile and base 10 meter amateur and CB band equipment. To view the complete line of Galaxy radio models, please visit their webpage.

http://www.galaxyradios.com/

Galaxy Radio models are available from Radio HF.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

IDEA-INTELLIGENT DESIGN & EVOLUTION AWARENESS CENTER

http://www.ideacenter.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Intelligent Design and Evolution Awareness (IDEA) Center non-profit organization dedicated to promoting intelligent design theory and fostering good - spirited discussion and a better understanding over intelligent design theory and the creation - evolution issue among students, educators, churches, and anyone else interested.

THE KEY

http://keynews.org

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Key provides reading material for adults with limited reading skills. These include adults who have not completed their high school educations, those learning English and those with learning disabilities.

EARTH OBSERVATORY

http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The purpose of NASA's Earth Observatory is to provide a freely-accessible publication on the Internet where the public can obtain new satellite imagery and scientific information about our home planet. The focus is on Earth's climate and environmental change. In particular, we hope our site is useful to public media and educators.

NATIONAL INTERAGENCY FIRE CENTER

http://www.nifc.gov/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), located in Boise, Idaho, is the nation's support center for wild land firefighting. Eight different agencies and organizations are part of NIFC. Decisions are made using the interagency cooperation concept because NIFC has no single director or manager.

NASA'S PHOENIX MARS MISSION

http://phoenix.lpl.arizona.edu/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Phoenix Mars Mission landed on Mars May 25, 2008, and is the first in NASA's "Scout Program." Scouts are designed to be highly innovative and relatively low-cost complements to major missions being planned as part of the agency's Mars Exploration Program.

THE WORLD'S FAMOUS PHOTOS

http://www.worldsfamousphotos.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

These are indeed world's most famous photos. Every single one of them has a great story behind it. We're trying to bring you the pictures that changed mankind. If the change was good or bad, that is for you to judge.

FIDEL FOTOS

http://www.fidelfotos.com/fidel/default2.asp

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

What you are about to view are nearly 200 black and white images of Cuba, its people, Fidel Castro and his comandantes. These pictures were taken by Alejandro Saavedra in 1959. In fact, the images on this site are not actually pictures, but rather the original large-format negatives scanned into the database. All photographs in this collection were taken during the first quarter of 1959, some taken in Cuba in January, and the rest having been taken in New York City;

capturing Cienfuegos' visit to the United Nations in February, and
Castro's trip in April. The collection is broken up in segments as
such, and expressed thusly in the "images" navigation bar on the left.

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WHAT'S NEW IN BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY

LEAGUE, THE RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN, and other publishers?

DON C. WALLACE: W6AM, AMATEUR RADIO'S PIONEER - By Jan David Perkins,
N6AW
This book traces the life of Don Wallace, W6AM, and the early history
of Amateur Radio. Don's experience with wireless in 1909 preceded
government regulations or any form of licensing. Naval stations,
commercial stations, ships at sea, and the first wireless
experimenters all shared the same wavelengths.
Although always a hobby to Don, many of the leaders of the radio
industry came to know and respect him. The word always used to
describe Don and his attitude toward the wireless hobby
was "enthusiasm."
Hardcover. 288 pages. 1991, published by Vestal Press Ltd. (ISBN: 0-
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catalog is now available on the site.

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

HORROR MOVIES

http://www.horror-movies.ca/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This site is a relaxed and friendly environment to discuss horror
movies, games, books and more. We take great pride in providing a
friendly and fun place to discuss our favourite genre.

THE DICTATORSHIP

http://www.thedictatorship.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This page takes a slightly more tongue-in-cheek approach to
highlighting the actions and atrocities of some of the century's
famous dictators.

ODD THINGS I'VE SEEN

http://www.oddthingsiveseen.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a web blog by a guy who has travelled around the world and
seen a lot of odd things. He writes about each of them here and
invites you to write in and tell everyone about your odd things.

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THE 2008 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including
hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local.
(Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2QQ, Pierrefonds, Quebec, and Radio
Amateurs of Canada)

Saturday, July 12
Ontario Hamfest 2008 - Milton Ontario

Location: Milton Agricultural Fairgrounds, Milton ON
Times: Inside Vendors: 07h00 - Robert Street Gate only - Tailgaters: 08h00 - Robert Street gate only - General Admission: 09h00 - Thomas St gate only.
General Admission - 6.00$ Inside Vendors - 14.00$ per table plus 6.00 $ per person Tailgaters - 6.00$ tailgate permit (per space) + 6.00$ per person.
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Web Page: http://www.barc.ca/

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, radio broadcasts and other resources that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962. Our monthly newsletter, MESSENGER, now published electronically, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby.

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CIDX continues to update its web page. Please visit it regularly at http://www.cidx.ca

PRIME TIME SHORTWAVE

Prime Time Shortwave is a listing of English shortwave broadcast that are updated on a weekly basis by webmasters Daniel Sampson and Ernest Riley. The schedules are constantly updated from various print and internet sources as well as from monitoring by the webmaster and other shortwave listeners and DXers. The shortwave schedules are available by time, country and frequency format. Also, they are available in ASCII, DBase, Excel and PalmOS formats (Dan Lyddy creates the PalmOS file). You will also find links to some of the best radio related websites and to the international broadcasters and time conversion charts (some provided by Craig Braun). Please visit the Prime Time Shortwave webpage at

http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, beginning its 20th year on CKUT-FM, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1430 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Janice and Steve Karlock, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the CKUT web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the CKUT web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@...

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

Radio Canada International is Canada's shortwave broadcaster. The broadcast schedules for March 30 to October 26, 2008 are now posted on the Schedules and Frequencies page of the RCI webpage at the following address:

http://www.rcinet.ca/rci/en/horaires.shtml

You will also find the schedules for three 24-hour per day satellite channels on the HotBird satellite (Europe/North Africa/Middle East), the RCI Plus channel on Sirius Satellite Radio and the live RCI Viva service available on the website.

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